

BILL ANALYSIS

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BACKGROUND

Currently, the supreme court is authorized to set certain rules that have a large impact on the legal industry.

PURPOSE

As enrolled, H.B. 2987 prohibits the supreme court from adopting certain rules that restrict the contractual relationship between an attorney and a client or that discourage competition.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Title 2G, Government Code, by adding Chapter 84, as follows:

CHAPTER 84. RULES RELATING TO ATTORNEY'S FEES

Sec. 84.001. CERTAIN RULES PROHIBITED. Prohibits the supreme court from adopting a rule that interferes with an attorney's ability to contract in the free market to provide legal services for a fee or discourages competition among attorneys to provide legal services at reasonable fees.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.